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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF INFORMATION DENOUNCES IMPERIALIST PRESS  
CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE

1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SENT A CIRCULAR NOTE TO  
ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS REQUESTING THEM TO TRANSMIT TO THEIR  
GOVERNMENTS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED DECEMBER 17 BY THE  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.

QUOTE. IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAS BEEN AN INTEN-  
SIFICATION IN THE WESTERN PRESS OF A CAMPAIGN TO PRESENT THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AS A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY IN  
THIS PART OF THE CONTINENT. THEY ARE ATTRIBUTING TO THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE THE INTENTION TO ATTACK SOUTH AFRICA AND  
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

FOR THE ILL-INFORMED PUBLIC, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE  
VALIDITY OF A CAMPAIGN THAT IS BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON FALSE CHARGES  
OR ON GROSS DISTORTIONS OF THE TRUTH.  
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IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND, WE MUST ANALYSE THE PROCESS THAT THE  
IMPERIALIST PRESS HAS EMPLOYED TO MISINFORM OPINION ABOUT THE TRUE  
SITUATION IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE.

FOR SOME MONTHS, THE WESTERN PRESS HAS BEEN DISSEMINATING  
VERY ALARMING NEWS CONCERNING INSTABILITY IN OUR REPUBLIC.  
FOR EXAMPLE, IT IS SAID THAT IN CABO DELGADO THE POPULATION

HAD REVOLTED. IT HAS REACHED THE POINT THAT IT IS ASSERTED THAT IN MUEDA, THE PLACE WHERE THE MASSACRE TOOK PLACE IN JUNE 16, 1960, THE POPULATION HAD REVOLTED, HAD HOISTED THE PORTUGUESE FLAG AND HAD FREED PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS WHO WERE HELD IN DETENTION THERE.

IT IS A LIE. PORTUGUESE OFFICIALS WERE NEVER DETAINED IN MUEDA. WHO CAN IMAGINE THAT THE SURVIVORS OF THE MASSACRE ARE CAPABLE OF RAISING THE FLAG WHICH HAD MASSACRED THEM?

MOREOVER, THIS SAME PRESS BEGAN TO SPEAK OF AN INSURRECTION IN NAMPULA. CURRENTLY IT DISSEMINATES AS A FACT THAT GUERILLAS OPERATE IN CABO DELGADO AND NAMPULA UNDER THE COMMAND OF LAZARO NKAVANDUME. IT IS A LIE. AS FOR LAZARO NKAVANDUME, HE HAS BEEN DETAINED IN A REEDUCATION CAMP SINCE 1974 FOR THE CRIME OF HIGH TREASON.

ACCORDING TO THE IMPERIALIST PRESS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE TODAY CONTROLS LITTLE MORE THAN THE CAPITAL.

SINCE AUGUST THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN TONE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THE CRIMINAL ATTACKS OF THE MERCENARY AND RACIST FORCES OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME IN SALISBURY ARE PRESENTED AS BEING CARRIED OUT BY FRELIMO DISSIDENTS.

IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, THEY REACHED THE POINT OF GIVING NAMES TO THE DISSIDENTS: CERTAIN COMRADES OF OURS, SUCH AS CARA ALEGRO TEMBE AND ALFREDO MARIA, ARE PRESENTED BY THE IMPERIALIST PRESS AS HAVING DESERTED AND BEING IN COMMAND OF FORCES THAT OPERATE FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE.

MORE LIES.

SIMILARLY, THE ALARMIST CAMPAIGN IS BEING INTENSIFIED THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INTEND TO UTILIZE THE TERRITORY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AS A BASE OF OPERATIONS AGAINST THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THUS, THE IMPERIALIST  
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PRESS PROPAGATES THAT THE SOVIET UNION INSTALLED AN AIR-NAVAL BASE ON THE TOURIST CENTER OF BAZARUTO, THAT TWO CUBAN PILOTS WERE SHOT DOWN, THAT SIX INSTRUCTORS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WERE CAPTURED, AND THAT AN AIRLIFT WAS ORGANIZED TO CARRY TANKS AND CUBAN PERSONNEL FROM ANGOLA TO MOZAMBIQUE. IT REACHED THE RIDICULOUS IN SAYING THAT 5,000 CUBAN SOLDIERS ARE IN THE TERRITORY OF OUR COUNTRY, DISGUISED AS SUGAR CANE TECHNICIANS, AND THAT 25 PERCENT OF THESE CUBANS ARE ON THE SENA SUGAR ESTATES. IT IS SAID THAT TANZANIAN TROOPS ARE IN MOZAMBIQUE, THERE HOWEVER BEING DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE IMPERIALIST SOURCES AS TO THE EXACT NUMBER OF TANZANIAN BATTALIONS THAT ARE IN OUR TERRITORY. IT IS EVEN SAID THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD IS FOREIGN.

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AGAIN, WE ASK WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN OF LIES.  
THE RESPONSE IS: TO INTIMIDATE THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF  
MOZAMBIQUE, TO STOP THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS, TO IMPEDE THE  
PROCESS OF BUILDING-UP OF OUR ARMED FORCES AND TO MAKE US  
INCAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY DEFENDING OUR SOVERIGNTY.

THE PEOPLES'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IS A SOVEREIGN AND  
INDEPENDENT STATE. IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND  
INDEPENDENCE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF FRELIMO, THE MOZAMBIQUE  
PEOPLE AND OF OUR ARMED FORCES, THE FPLM, WITH A GLORIOUS FIGHTING  
TRADITION, WILL COMBAT AND SMASH ANY AGGRESSION.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE  
APPEALS TO ITS ALLIES. WHENEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR  
SOVEREIGNTY, WE CONSIDER THAT HELP FROM OUR ALLIES IS NECESSARY, THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE WILL UTILIZE THIS RIGHT.

CONCERNING THIS CAMPAIGN, WE LIST CERTAIN FACTS WE KNOW.

WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT THERE ARE CONCENTRATIONS OF RACIST  
TROOPS ON OUR BORDERS, AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT  
IN THESE NEIGHBORING RACIST COUNTRIES MERCENARIES ARE BEING  
PREPARED TO BE INTRODUCED CLANDESTINELY INTO OUR TERRITORY. ONCE IN  
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MOZAMBIQUE, DISGUISED AS FPLM SOLDIERS, THEY ARE GOING TO SIMULATE  
AN ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

THIS "PROVOCATION," PREVIOUSLY UTILIZED BY ADOLPH HITLER  
TO JUSTIFY HIS AGGRESSION AGAINST POLAND IN 1939, IS DESIGNED  
TO GIVE IMPERIALISM THE PRETEXT AND JUSTIFICATION TO INVADE OUR

COUNTRY.

AND IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE CAMPAIGN OF MISINFORMATION TAKES PLACE: TO LAUNCH MANY SUCCESSIVE LIES, EACH LARGER AND MORE ABSURD THAN THE OTHER, IN HOPES THAT SOMETHING WILL AFFECT THE SPIRIT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WELL-INFORMED.

THEY WANT THEREBY:

1. TO PERSUADE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO THINK THAT THE FIGHT FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IS NOT MADE BY THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION IS SIMPLY A RIVALRY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS. THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE A CONSEQUENCE OF THE COLD WAR, AND THE SPONTANEOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND THE POPULAR REVOLT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD BE REDUCED TO A "MANUEVER" OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

2. TO PERSUADE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IS AN AGGRESIVE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT THE RACIST AND IMPERIALIST FORCES THAT INVADED US ARE DOING SO OUT OF SELF-DEFENSE.

3. TO PERSUADE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO THINK THAT THERE EXISTS A CLIMATE OF INSTABILITY AND POPULAR UNREST AND THAT THE LACKIES OF THE IMPERIALIST, PARTICIPATE WITH THEM IN THE MASSACRES AND CARNAGE OF OUR PEOPLE, ARE RESREPRESENTATIVES OF THE WILL OF THE MASSES.

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, IN PUBLISHING THESE FACTS, DESIRES TO ALERT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION ABOUT THE PLANS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIBIQUE AND DENOUNCES IN ADVANCE THE GROSSEST PRETEXTS TO BE UTILIZED TO JUSTIFY AND MASK THE RACIST AND IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION. END QUOTE.

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